(b) if so, what is the nature of the communication?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) & (b) On a representation received from the Madras State students studying in the Engineering College, Anantapur, that the scholarships and fee concessions, which they had been receiving from the composite State were stopped with effect from 1954–55, this Government took up the case with the Government of Andhra and agreed to pay the cost of scholarships and fee concessions granted to Madras State students on a reciprocal basis. These concessions were thereupon continued.

Administration report on the Motor Vehicles Act Administration

* 2727 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Reports on the Administration of the Motor Vehicles Act for the Calendar years 1952, 1953 & 1954 have been published;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (a) The answer is in the affirmative so far as the reports for the years 1952 and 1953 are concerned.

(b) & (c) The reports for 1952 and 1953 were distributed to the Press in the beginning of 1954 and in the middle of 1955, respectively. The report for the year 1954 has just been received and is under review.

Agrarian troubles

* 2728 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the police arrested 60 men, women and children at Kadayanallur, Tirunelveli district, on 24th March 1955; and

(b) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Only three men were arrested on the said date.

(b) These three persons were arrested, since they trespassed upon the lands, which were in the possession of a local landlord and obstructed the ploughing of the land by the landlord's men.

* 2729 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any complaint was received by the District Superintendent of Police, Tirunelveli, from the Secretary, Vivasayigal Sangam, Tirunelveli, alleging ill-treatment of peasants and

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peasant women by the police, while in police custody during March 1955, in connexion with the Satyagraha against eviction from lands in Kadayanallur, Tirunelveli district; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations were duly enquired into and found to be not true.

* 2730 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether complaints were received by the District Superintendent of Police, Tirunelveli, from the Secretary, District Vivasayigal Sangam, Tirunelveli, alleging that acts of violence, arson and loot are recently in the increase in the taluk of Srivaikuntam, by goondas hired by some landlords;

(b) the steps taken by the police to maintain law and order in that area; and

(c) how many cases were registered and investigated and with what results?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) The District Superintendent of Police, Tirunelveli, received a petition from the Secretary, District Vivasayigal Sangam, Tirunelveli, citing several instances where the landlords had committed offences against the Kisans.

(b) The police investigated each specific complaint and filed charge-sheets wherever there was sufficient evidence.

(c) Three cases under the Indian Penal Code and 12 cases under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code (Security Proceedings), were registered. One of the Indian Penal Code cases and the Security Proceedings under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, are pending trial.

Labour dispute in the Ganesan Press, Tirunelveli

* 2731 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any memorandum, dated 13th April 1955, from the Secretary of the Tirunelveli-Palayamkottai Press Labour Union was received by the Government alleging victimization of Press workers by the management of the Ganesan Press, Tirunelveli Junction: and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The dispute has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal, Madras.